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SUBJ: ARS/SFCP - PROJECT FG-EG-120, TRAVEL OF DR. S.E. ABUL-NASR

REF: (A) CAIRO 4936, (B) ROME 5887

1. DR. S.E. ABUL-NASR HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS NOT GRANTED PERMISSION TO CONVERT PORTION L.E. TRAVEL GRANT AUTHORIZED REF. B TO DOLLARS TO PAY US PER DIEM AND DOLLAR COSTS, HE SAYS DECISION WAS TAKEN BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION. ABUL-NASR REQUESTS TO BE ADVISED IF ARS CAN FUND IN US COSTS IN DOLLARS AFTER ARRIVAL. PLEASE ADVISE. HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH GORDON IN CAIRO MAY 3.

2. DR. ABUL-NASR ALSO INQUIRED INTO POSSIBILITY OF ARS ADVANCING DOLLARS IN US AND RECOUPING AT LATER DATE FROM MIN/AGR. HE CONTENTS THAT PROJECT AGREEMENT WOULD PLACE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION ON MIN/AGR. TO REIMBURSE USG. OUR REVIEW OF FILE DOES NOT SEEM TO SUPPORT HIS VIEW. ALTHOUGH TRAVEL TO US IS SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL PROPOSAL TO WHICH MIN/AGR. AGREED, THIS SEEMS TO IMPLY MIN/AGR. APPROVAL FOR CURRENCY CONVERSION, NOT GUARANTEE IT AS ABSOLUTE RIGHT AT ANY SPECIFIC TIME. ABUL-NASR SAYS THAT, IN ANY EVENT, HE INTENDS TO GO TO US AS
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3. SCIATT WILL SEEK INFORMATION ON DR. ABUL NASR'S
CIRCUMSTANCES FROM HASSAN ABDALLAH AND WILL POINT OUT THAT
TRAVEL TO US WAS CERTAINLY CONTEMPLATED BY MIN/AGR. AS
WELL AS USDA AT TIME OF ORIGINAL AGREEMENT. GORDON MIGHT
WISH TO GO INTO MORE DETAIL DURING VISIT.
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